

grateful change it has  
produced as if by  
magic in the appearance  
of the fields and meadows.  
Can you tell me how  
soon you will be having  
another stock of paper  
made - that is after the  
one this summer. - I have  
a little on hand and  
starting a house makes  
heavy drafts just at present  
upon my purse - so that  
I havent many dollars  
to spend for luxuries  
which I am bound  
to consider botany in  
my case

Yours very truly  
W. S. Babb

Fountaindale Ills  
July 7<sup>th</sup> 1870

Prof A. Gray -  
Concerning Silene  
Regia - Dr Falconet wrote  
as follows "Your letter making  
inquiries about the Silene  
Regia "Wild Pink" we used to  
call it because of its pink  
shaped flowers, came to hand  
several days ago - The next  
day thereafter Dr Donisthorpe of  
Springfield was operating in  
our city and half a dozen  
Doctors being in the room  
I read your letter aloud  
so as to make the inquiry  
more general - Dr Hittell  
who was present remembered  
the locality you particularly